Montana Department of Public

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**HELP Committee** 

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# Partnership For Success - Tier One

Implement two evidence based programs statewide:

- Alcohol Reward & Reminder Educational Survey Program Merchant Education
- Alcohol Sales Compliance Inspection Program Enforcement

#### Reward & Reminder – Merchant Education

- Not a step backward for communities who have previously done this type of program - this is an additional effort
- First surveys were conducted in November 2014
- Conducted by private citizens and young looking persons of legal age – 21 and 22 year olds
- Survey checks for willingness to ID patrons
- Servers and Sellers who ID are given a Reward Card
- Failure to ID results in a Reminder Card

#### Reward & Reminder – Merchant Education

- Reward Card Script
  - "Hi, I'm with the Montana Alcohol Reward and Reminder program. Thank you for checking ID's and refusing sales to people who cannot provide legal identification. This card will put you in a drawing for a hundred dollar gift certificate. What's your name? Thank you, \_\_\_\_\_ for doing a great job and asking for ID's"
  - Why it works...

#### Reward & Reminder – Reward Card

#### ITANA ALCOHOL Vard & Reminder Program Public Health and Human Services Thank you for NOT selling alcohol to kids! The Montana Alcohol Reward & Reminder Program is designed to educate alcohol retailers about the importance of refusing sales to underage persons. As a small reward, please fill out and return this form for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate from a local business. Your Name: Store Name: Store Address:\_ Date of Survey: \_\_\_\_\_\_Surveyor Initials: Once per quarter, we draw a winner from all the entries received from conscientious clerks, like yourself. Again - Thank You! Should you have any questions about this program, or for alcohol merchant education material on preventing alcohol sales to minors, contact the HELP Office, toll-free, at 1-877-ID - MINOR This is the ONLY notification you will receive so please share this with your manager before mailing! For RASS training opportunities in Montana, visit: http://alcoholservertraining.mt.gov

#### Reward & Reminder – Merchant Education

- Reminder (White) Card Script
  - "Hi, I'm with the Montana Reward and Reminder program. You haven't done anything wrong and you aren't in trouble for anything, but it looked like you were going to allow that sale without checking for an ID first. We want to encourage you to check ID's for anyone who looks like they may be 35 years old or younger."
  - Why it works...

## Reward & Reminder – Reminder Card

## MONTANA ALCOHOL REWARD & REMINDER PROGRAM



Montana law prohibits the sale of alcohol products to persons under 21 years of age in accordance with Montana Law 16-3-301 (4) (a). While this survey has been coordinated by the State of Montana, it is for EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES only. Therefore, you and your employer will not be assessed a fee.

However, official inspections are an ongoing activity. In that capacity, you would not receive a warning but rather notification of the violation and its associated consequences.

If you do not know someone's true age, ask to see his or her ID.

Refuse the sale if the person does not have a valid ID or is not carrying it. It is the person who completes alcohol sale to an under-aged person who receives the criminal citation and up to a \$500 fine and/or six months in jail for a first offense.

Should you have any questions about this program, or for alcohol merchant education material on preventing alcohol sales to minors, contact the HELP Office, toll-free, at 1-877-ID - MINOR

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#### Reward & Reminder – Limits to the Data

- Surveys are conducted by people of legal age
- Survey results are based on judgement calls
- Specific survey results are NEVER published
- All Survey statistics must be viewed as aggregate data

## Reward & Reminder – Unspoken Benefits

- Regardless of outcome, servers and sellers are being reminded of the need to check ID's simply because the surveyor team shows up...
- Surveys reinforce the server training (RASS) classes
  - Reminds them that someone is watching what they are doing
  - Reinforces the knowledge that their decisions matter
  - Encourages the server/seller to get trained
- Over 8000 surveys have been completed to date
  - More Visits = Better Compliance = Better Outcomes

## Compliance Inspections – Enforcement

- First inspections were conducted in September 2015
- Conducted by law enforcement officers and confidential informants (Cl's)
- Cl's are 18 to 20 years of age
- Cl's must look their age
- Cl's cannot have adverse law enforcement contact in previous 24 months

# Compliance Inspections – Inspection Types

- Draw List Inspections about 55% of inspections are randomly picked
- State Inspections remainder of the 1200 annual inspections
  - Outlets chosen to round out an inspection trip in rural areas with a few draw inspections
  - Outlets chosen to increase inspections in a city or county to 100% coverage
  - Outlets randomly selected in larger counties/cities by HELP at behest of local law enforcement
  - Outlets specifically chosen due to history of selling to underage people

#### Compliance Inspections – Process

- Cl's work with undercover law enforcement officers, will enter an establishment, and attempt a purchase
- Refusal to Sell outlet receives congratulatory notification of Server/Seller's excellent performance
- Violations Server/Seller is cited by law enforcement
  - Must go to court
  - May have to pay fines
  - May have to face jail time
  - May be liable to company disciplinary procedures including termination of employment
  - Montana Department of Revenue Liquor Control Division is notified of these citations and will contact the establishment in regards to them

# COMPLIANCE DATA http://dphhs.mt.gov/amdd/SubstanceAbuse/PreventionDocuments

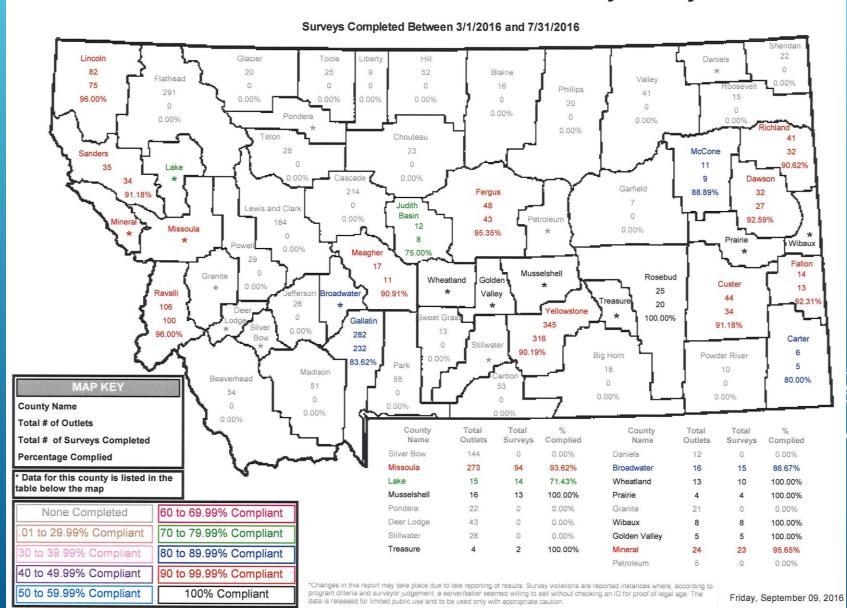
#### Alcohol Reward and Reminder Prevention Summary

		Total Outlets in County	Total Inspections Completed	Total Complied	Total Violations	Compliance Rate
May 2016						
	CUSTER	44	34	31	3	91.18%
	FERGUS	48	43	41	2	95.35%
	JUDITH BASIN	12	8	6	2	75.00%
	ROSEBUD	25	20	20	0	100.00%
	TREASURE	4	2	2	0	100.00%
	WHEATLAND	13	2	2	0	100.00%
June 2016						
	BROADWATER	16	14	12	2	85.71%
	CARTER	6	5	4	1	80.00%
	DAWSON	32	27	25	2	92.59%
	FALLON	14	13	12	1	92.31%
	GALLATIN	282	232	194	38	83.62%
	GOLDEN VALLEY	5	5	5	0	100.00%
	MCCONE	11	9	8	1	88.89%
	MEAGHER	17	11	10	1	90.91%
	MUSSELSHELL	16	13	13	0	100.00%
	PRAIRIE	4	4	4	0	100.00%
	RAVALLI	106	90	87	3	96.67%
	RICHLAND	41	32	29	3	90.63%
	WHEATLAND	13	8	8	0	100.00%
	WIBAUX	8	8	8	0	100.00%
	YELLOWSTONE	345	316	285	31	90.19%
July 2016						
	BROADWATER	16	1	1	0	100.00%
	LAKE	15	14	10	4	71.43%
	LINCOLN	82	75	72	3	96.00%
	MINERAL	24	23	22	1	95.65%
	MISSOULA	273	94	88	6	93.62%
	RAVALLI	106	10	9	1	90.00%
	SANDERS	35	34	31	3	91.18%

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<sup>\*</sup>Changes in this report may take place due to late reporting of results. Survey violations are reported instances where, according to program criteria and surveyor judgement, a server/seller seemed willing to sell without checking an ID for proof of legal age. The data is released for limited public use and to be used only with appropriate caution.

#### Alcohol Reward and Reminder Prevention Status By County - 2016/17



#### Alcohol Compliance Prevention Summary

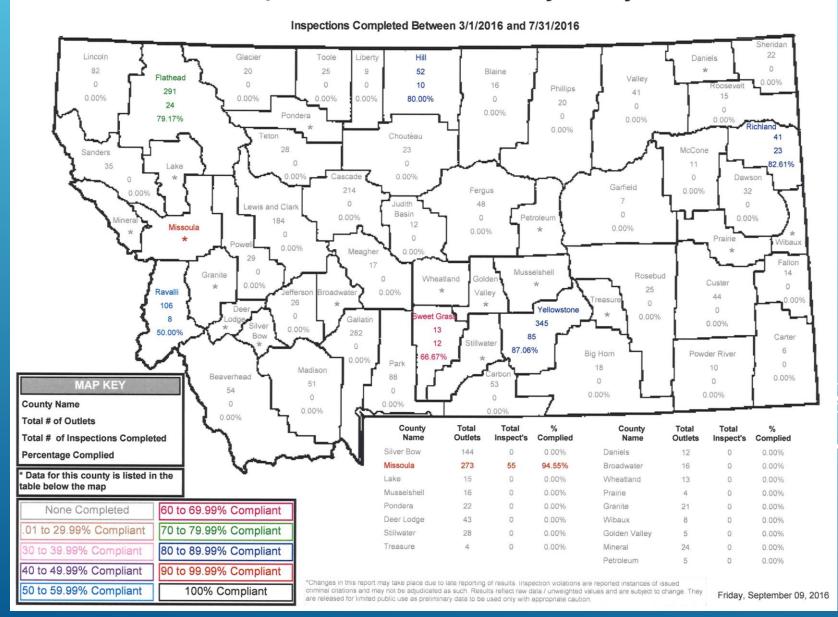
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March 2016						
	RAVALLI	106	8	4	4	50.00%
May 2016						
	MISSOULA	273	24	22	2	91.67%
	YELLOWSTONE	345	36	32	4	88.89%
June 2016						
	FLATHEAD	291	14	11	3	78.57%
	HILL	52	10	8	2	80.00%
	MISSOULA	273	11	10	1	90.91%
	YELLOWSTONE	345	33	29	4	87.88%
July 2016						
	FLATHEAD	291	10	8	2	80.00%
	MISSOULA	273	20	20	0	100.00%
	RICHLAND	41	23	19	4	82.61%
	SWEET GRASS	13	12	8	4	66.67%
	YELLOWSTONE	345	16	13	3	81.25%

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#### Alcohol Compliance Prevention Status By County - 2016/17



# Alcohol Inspection/Survey Frequency

- Enforcement Inspections Total 1200 per year
- Educational Surveys

   Total 4050 per year



# Alcohol Inspection/Survey Questions

Any Questions?

